In regard to your other suggestions, if you consult the Director of Industries and the Director of Agriculture in respect of the last two items, perhaps, they may be able to help you.

132. Needs of the Agasteeswaram taluk.

MR. D. ABEL NADAR (*Member, Nominated*) said that many of the tanks in Nanjinad had been auctioned away by Government and others were left in a neglected condition. Some of them were so much silted up that they could hardly hold any water. These tanks should be cleared of silt and arrangements made to prevent further silting up. Their bunds should also be strengthened and provided with the necessary out-lets. For all these things there should be a systematic tank restoration scheme. The following tanks required immediate attention :

1. Tanks which required to be deepened :
   (1) Palkulam in Tengumputhur pakuthi.
   (2) Ramasamuthramkulam in Marunkur pakuthi.
   (3) Karumpattukulam in Thamarakulam pakuthi.
2. Tanks requiring escapes.
   (1) Avintakulam
   (2) Kothankulam
   (3) Perumalkulam
   } in Therur pakuthi,
   (4) Kilavanerikulam
   (5) Iyenputhurkulam
   } in Tovala pakuthi.
3. Tanks requiring proper bunds and flood banks.
   (1) Karumpattumkulam in Thamarakulam pakuthi.
   (2) Perumalkulam
   (3) Ramapuramkulam
   } in Therur pakuthi.
4. Feeders to tanks requiring crossbars.

(1) Minchin, Kurian, John and Ramasamuthram blocks in the Tovala channel.

(2) Manulam sub-channel in the N. P. channel.

The following new roads should be opened in the Agasteeswaram taluk :

1. A road to connect Rajakamangalam, Dharmapuram, Zionpuram and other places and thence to join Mankudi road at Tengumputhur.
2. A road starting near the porambokes adjoining the southern maidan in the Nagercoil Municipality and passing through Periavilai and Charakkalvilai from where it should cut across Mukilanvilai road to Athicaud, Pallam and other places.
3. A road from Azhagappapuram road to join Pottakulam.

The ryots' road from the 18th mile of the N. P. channel should be extended by way of Thamarakulam to join the Agasteeswaram - Echanilai road and the entire portion should be taken up by Government for maintenance.

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The ryots' roads from the Anchugramom-Cape road to Kanimadam, Kanakappapuram and other places and from the Kottaram-Agasteeswaram road to Echenvilai and other places should be taken up by Government for annual maintenance.

A few roads should be opened to connect Ahthalavilai, Pazhuthoduvilai, Chempagnanapuram, Tirumalapuram and other places.

The need for strengthening the banks of the Tovala channel should be investigated.

The Alathurai river should be connected with Maruthuvamalai branch channel. The Tovala channel should in that case be extended up to the southern extremity of the Cape Comorin pakuthi.

The channel newly opened for diverting the water from the Champakulam should be extended from Krishnanputhur up to Manakudi.

Tanks should be provided for drinking and bathing purposes in the Kalkulam and Vilavancode taluks. Public wells were a dire necessity in Therur, Marumkur, Eraviputur and other places in the Agastiswaram taluk. The tank near Thalavamadam to the west of Kalluvilai should be deepened and the banks strengthened with masonry work. The tank at Neyyoor should also be deepened. A public well should be sunk for the use of the Marava colony which had settled down in S. 1610 of the Therur pakuthi.

The Government dispensary at Kottaram should be shifted from there to Mukilamkudi.

A hospital should be established in a central place at Myladi and a dispensary should be established at Thengamputhur and another at Ethamoli. In case dispensaries and hospitals were not feasible, Sirkar Vaidyasalas should be established at these places.

All available pasture lands should be thrown open for public use and the nominal tax now levied on these lands should be removed.

Free pass should be granted to *bona fide* cultivators for collecting green manure from reserve forests.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abel Nadar, I am very much obliged to you for the long list of tanks you have read out which require deepening and cleaning. I shall pass it on to the Chief Engineer for whatever attention is necessary.

In regard to the wells I shall read out to you the list of wells the digging of which was sanctioned last year:

Well at Srinarayanapuramchery,
Do. Kandamettcherry,
Do. Periakulamchery,
Do. Kalkarampothaichery,
Do. Osaravilachery,
Do. Attakulamchery,
Do. South Payoode,
Do. Kandamkuzhichery,
Well at South Arasamkuzhi,
Do. Balakrishnaputhur,
Do. Kesavaneri,
Do. Layam,
Do. Poolankuzhichery,
Do. Noirapettichery,
Do. Karambavilachery,
Do. Theroorcherry.

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That is a goodly number already undertaken and similar work of providing wells will go on steadily. The whole thing cannot be done in a day. So also the question of irrigation channels is engaging the attention of the Chief Engineer and as much as possible is being done.

In the matter of opening of dispensaries—here too, I think it is unnecessary for me to read out the list of what Agastiswaram taluk is provided in this matter.

There are 6 institutions for medical relief in this one taluk alone. I shall commend to the Administrative Board, Medical Services, the question of transferring Kottaram dispensary to some other suitable site which you say will be a more central place.

In the matter of opening of grazing grounds, as you are aware, as far as possible reserves which could be thrown open for grazing have been thrown open free of cost to the cattle of Travancoreans. There are very few other suitable lands fit for grazing grounds and in any case it is undesirable that lands everywhere should be thrown open to bring about deterioration of the cattle of Travancore. I therefore would commend to your consideration the planting of fodder for cattle in a part of your own lands and also the stall-feeding of cattle.

As for the free grant of manure leaves from the forest, this has been done as far as possible. But we cannot allow people simply to go into the forest and do as they please. There should be a certain amount of control. As a result of the representation made at the last session of the Assembly I am having an order prepared allowing ryots to remove leaf manure from porambokes free of cost, as an experiment for one year from 1105.

133. Needs of Thiruvattar.

MR. V. NILACANTAN ASAN (*Member, Nominated*) spoke on the following needs of Thiruvattar :

The foot-path from Kankara near the Thiruvattar Magistrate's court to the Thripparappu market should be converted into a public road, as also the foot-path from Kuruvikad on the Kankara-Thripparappu trace to Kulasekharam. These foot-paths should not be treated under the ordinary ryots' roads rules and the ryots asked to surrender lands free of cost.

The tanks in S. No. 1691 (Palkulam) and in S. No. 1483 (Kotturchirakulam) in the Thiruvattar pakuthi should be improved.

An evening market should be established in the Kolvel Desom. The *Poramboke* site in S. No. 1579 might be utilised for the purpose. If this site was not sufficiently extensive, the owners of the neighbouring lands were prepared to surrender the lands.

DEWAN'S REPLY: The roads that you mentioned will come up before the Roads Boards. In regard to the tanks, the question of their

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